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Subject (in full) D. B. Vilensky, applicant for purchase of pistol.Made by D.S. TcheremshanskyForwarded by J.B. L. D.S.

David Borisovitch Vilensky is a Russian of Jewish origin, born in 1903 at Dvinsk, Latvia (formerly a province of Russia). He is not registered with the local Finland Consulate which is in charge of Latvian affairs. Arriving in Shanghai from Harbin in 1925, Vilensky found employment with the Egg Products Co., No. 77 Yangtszepoo Road, as a clerk. From 1928 until 1930 he was employed with Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., No. 22 Nanking Road. In December 1929 Vilensky established the Centurion Printing Co. at No. 126 Nanzing Road in partnership with G. Dicki alias Deeki, a suspected Soviet agent, who is an engineer by profession and former employee of the C.E.R. In August 1930 Dicki severed connections with Vilensky and left for Europe. Towards the end of 1930 Alexei Ivanovitch Teleshoff (File D.530) joined the business as a partner. Teleshoff is a suspected Soviet agent and is reported to be a member of the Russian Communist Party. He was formerly employed with the C.E.R. in Harbin and later with the Far Eastern Bank (Dalbank) in Mongolia.

Vilensky is known to be a Soviet sympathiser and is reported to be an associate of several Soviet employees and suspected Soviet agents.

In 1928 he was suspected of being a member of the Komsomol - Union of Communist Youth - and engaged in the service of the local Soviet Consulate on intelligence work. At this time Vilensky resided with the late M.I. Stepunin of the Soviet Textile Syndicate. During 1927-8 Vilensky was on friendly terms with one Ivan Trofimovitch Zavatsky (Files I.O. 8832 and I.O.8817), a Soviet agent, who was handed over to Chinese authorities for failing to register with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. It is said that the two men rendered each other mutual assistance in

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secret work on behalf of the Soviet authorities.

Vilensky joined the S.M.P. (Specials) on January 31, 1927, on the recommendation of H.H. Johnson, Gas Works, and R.P. Philips, Messrs. Gande Price & Co. In November 1927 he obtained a permit (No. 112) to carry a .32 Browning pistol (No. 162862, S.M.P. No. 1851). In September, 1928, he made a present of this pistol to A.A. Saoul, British Jew, manager of A.A. Saoul & Co., No. 218 Szechuen Road. Vilensky then obtained from the S.M.P. (S) a .45 Colt pistol (No. 148915, S.M.P. No. 64) which he returned to S.M.P. (S) on 31.10.31. On or about the same date, however, he was issued with a licence to carry a .25 cal. Colt (No. 30325, S.M.P. No. Y.1293) which was reported to have been presented to him by Mr. Z. Younker Horn of the Joint Savings Society, 1 Carter Road. In November, 1932 Vilensky sold this gun to a friend, I.Y. Abramovitch, a suspected Soviet agent (File D-4827), and a man of doubtful character, who recently was arrested by the Harbin Police on a charge of circulating false rumours. Upon being released he was ordered to leave Manchukuo and not return. Abramovitch is at present residing at 735 Avenue Joffre.

It is worthy of note that Vilensky after having disposed of his pistol in November, 1932, continued to operate the Centurion Printing Co. This would indicate that the mere possession of a pistol is not at all necessary to him and that if he is granted permission to purchase another the possibilities are that he may sell it to some individual who is unable to secure one through above board methods.

It will be recalled that the Centurion Printing Co. were responsible for the printing of the now defunct "Maskee",

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a periodical of distinct scurrilous tendencies.

Vilensky resides at No. 1729 Avenue Road, House 27,
with his business partner A. I. Teleshoff.

G. Icheremshansky
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Subject (in full) I. Y. Abramovitch, Russian Jew.

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The following information has been obtained from the local Japanese Consular Police concerning I.Y. Abramovitch, Russian Jew:-

"I. Y. Abramovitch arrived in Harbin from Shanghai on May 27, 1933 with the object of finding employment and resided at No.12,-17 Yanskaya Street, Harbin. He used to call on certain Soviet agents. He later circulated a rumour that the demonstration held by White Russians in Harbin to demand a reduction in the transportation charges of the Chinese Eastern Railway had been carried out under the instigation of the Japanese Authorities and for this he was arrested by the Harbin Police. He confessed that, with a view to securing Soviet citizenship, he visited Mitrofanoff, Chief of the Harbin Office of the Soviet Volunteer Fleet, on January 14 and through Mitrofanoff's good offices he was given an opportunity to see the Soviet Consulate officials. He claimed that his visits to Soviet agents was unavoidable as he was anxious to obtain employment. He left Harbin for Shanghai on February 11, 1934 to live with his wife Ashiya Izraeleuna and children.

I. Y. Abramovitch was born on March 31, 1892 in the city of Nikolaeff, South Russia. After graduating from a middle school, he studied in a medical college in Belgium. In 1914, he was called up to the Russian Army and in 1917 returned from the World War with the rank of sergeant-major. Between December, 1919 and August, 1923, he worked as an assistant in the Medical Section of the Nikolaeff City Committee. During this period he also undertook work for the Ukraina Communist Party in the capacity of a candidate for membership. In August, 1924, he was arrested by the G.P.U. on a charge of visiting, without permission, the

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German Consulate at Nikolaeff and was sentenced to one year and eight months' imprisonment. In August, 1926, he proceeded to Blagovenshensk and from that city he escaped to Harbin by crossing the frontier. He then came to Shanghai to visit a relative."

Abramovitch left Harbin for Shanghai at his own accord subsequent to his release by the Harbin Police, but his re-entry to Manchoukuo will be refused by the Manchoukuo Authorities.

M. G. Hanemoto

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Shanghai, Saturday, May 6, 1933.

NOTICE

WITH effect from May 6, 1933,
Mr. I. Abramovitch has no con-
nection with us whatsoever.

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Subject (in full) Antecedents of I.Y. Abramovitch, member of the Committee of the Jewish Club in Shanghai.

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Further to the reports dated April 26, 1933 and May 1, 1933, respectively on the subject of the Jewish Club in Shanghai, (File D-4749) the following information has been received regarding the antecedents of Isaak Yakovlevitch Abramovitch, a member of the Committee of the above mentioned club.

He is a Russian Jew, born on March 30, 1892 at Nikolaev, Herson Province, South Russia and registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee, No. 6-A Hongkong Road.

Following the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917 he was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Odessa District Soviet. It is reported that during that period he was on friendly terms with a famous gangster who was known under the nickname "Mishka Yaponchik" (Michael the Japanese) and who played an important role in Odessa in 1918/19, being the leader of a large gang of criminals in that port. Another of Abramovitch's associates at that time was a certain Katovsky, criminal, who following the revolution joined the communist party and held the post of Commander of a red cavalry division during the civil war in Russia.

Abramovitch's career in Soviet Russia came to an end when he was charged with receiving bribes in connection with the issuing of foreign passports to members of the former Bourgeoisie who wished to escape abroad with their valuables. He was convicted and sentenced to death. The sentence, however, was commuted to 10 years imprisonment which term was subsequently reduced to 5 years imprisonment. With the assistance of his friends Abramovitch later succeeded in escaping from prison and left the U.S.S.R. for China.

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He arrived in Shanghai in September 1926 with the assistance of his wife who is the niece of I. Shainin of I. Shainin & Co., a well known local merchant. Abramovitch obtained employment with this firm and now holds the position of manager of the "Provision and Wine Department." It is, however, reported that he received a notice recently to the effect that his service with the firm would terminate on May 15, 1933. The reason of his discharge is believed to be his having incurred a number of debts.

His wife named A.I. Abramovitch nee Orjikh, is the sister of Lev Srul Orjikh, Soviet citizen, proprietor of the "Record Store" Grocery, No. 574 Avenue Joffre, who is known as a Soviet sympathiser and a man of doubtful reputation.

Abramovitch is the holder of S.M.C. licence No. 917 for carrying a pistol (0.25 Colt Automatic pistol), which he purchased from D. Vilensky, partner of the "Centurion Press", 10 Nanzing Road a Soviet sympathiser (File D-530). Vilensky is a member of the S.M.P. (Specials).

Abramovitch is at present residing at No. 395 Rue Cardinal Mercier.

Photograph of I.Y. Abramovitch is attached herewith.

G. Icheremshansky
D. S.

Officer in Charge Special Branch.

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